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THE GATHERING STORM

It is a time of uncertainty in the galaxy. Standing against the oppression of the First Order is General Organa's Resistance, including Poe Dameron and his team of ace pilots – Black Squadron.

Recently, a new enemy has emerged to challenge Black Squadron: Terex, an officer of the First Order Security Bureau. In an attempt to bring new force to bear against Poe and his team, Terex has retaken control of the ruthless Ranc gang, the criminals he led before joining the First Order.

After barely escaping a run-in with the Rancs on Kaddak, Poe, C-3PO, and unruly droid N1-ZX have escaped and are headed back to the Resistance base with vital information. But Terex and his gang of Rancs are hot on their tails....

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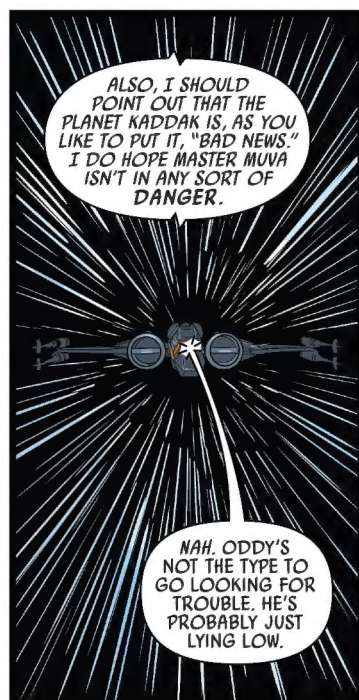
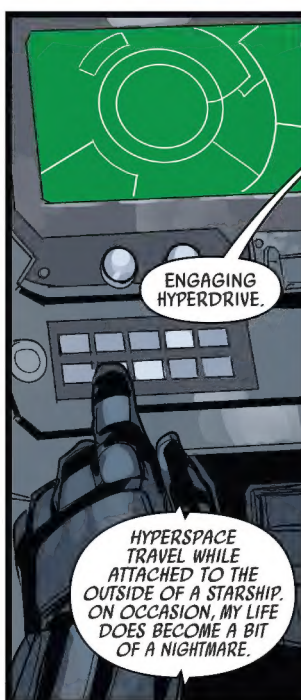
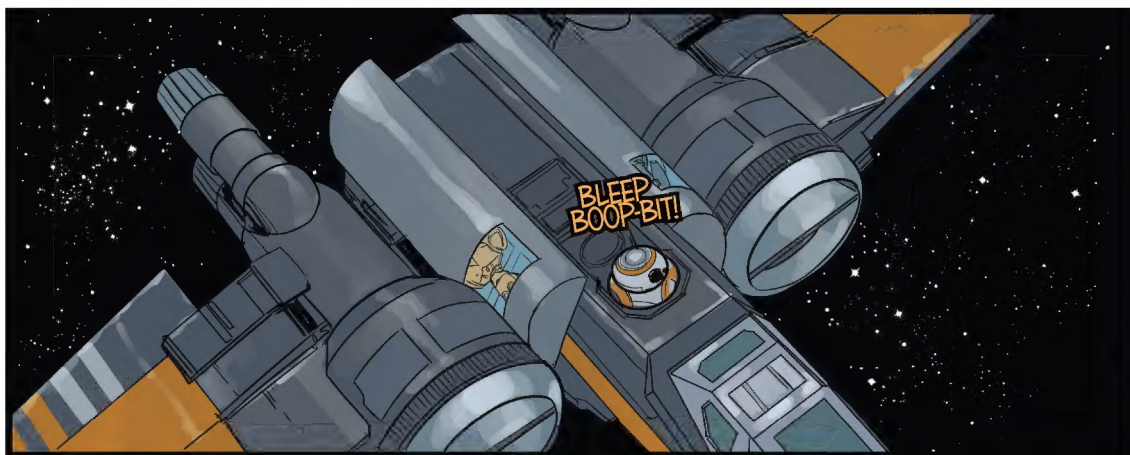
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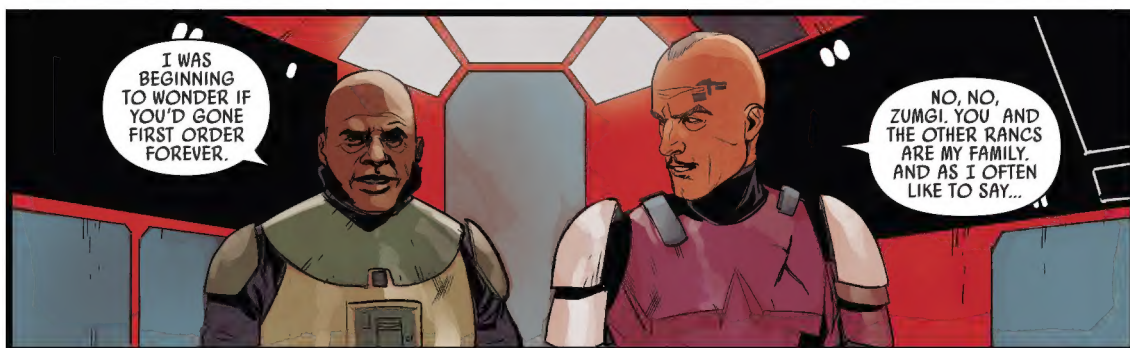
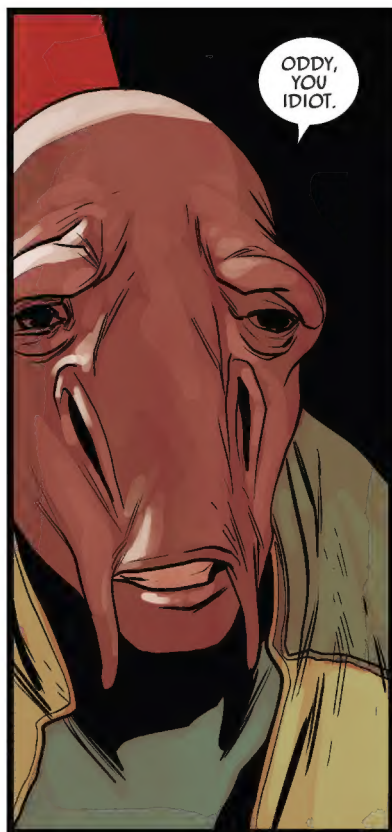


Kaddak System. The Outer Rim.



"AS LONG AS HE STAYS
AWAY FROM TEREX, I'M
SURE HE'LL BE FINE."

The Carrion Spike.







AGENT
TEREX...WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?



AND WHAT
ARE YOU
WEARING?

THIS? THE
ARMOR OF THE
LORD-GENERAL OF
THE RANCS OF
KADDAK.

FINE--BUT
WHY? STANDARDS
MUST BE MAINTAINED--
EXAMPLES MUST BE SET. YOU
ARE AN OFFICER OF THE
FIRST ORDER SECURITY
BUREAU!



WELL, YES.
BUT I AM **ALSO**
LORD-GENERAL OF
THE RANCS OF
KADDAK.

AND
FRANKLY, MY
DEAR CAPTAIN
PHASMA...



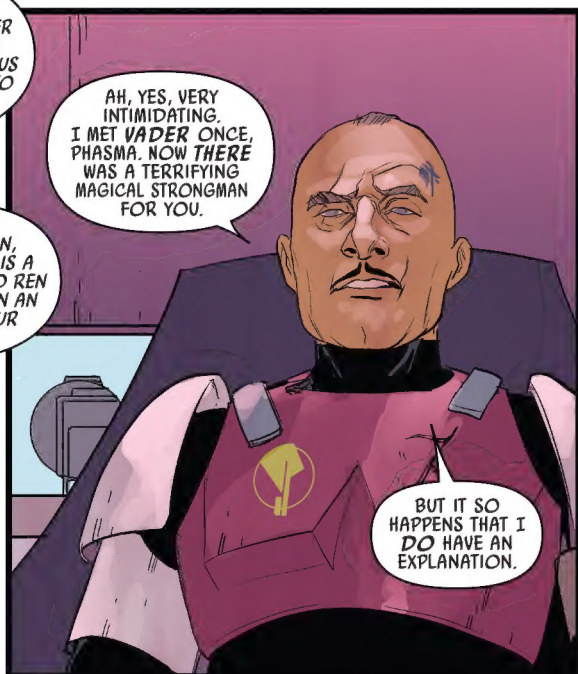
...YOU KNEW
THAT WHEN
YOU HIRED
ME.



YOU WERE ORDERED TO REPORT TO FIRST ORDER SPACE AFTER YOUR FAILURE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM GRAKKUS THE HUTT THAT IS CRUCIAL TO THE NEXT STAGE OF OUR WAR EFFORT.

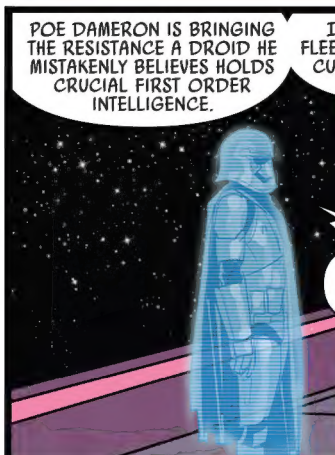
YOU DID NOT DO SO.

WE REQUIRE AN EXPLANATION, TEREX. I HOPE IT IS A GOOD ONE. KYLO REN HIMSELF HAS TAKEN AN INTEREST IN YOUR MISSTEPS.



AH, YES, VERY INTIMIDATING. I MET VADER ONCE, PHASMA. NOW THERE WAS A TERRIFYING MAGICAL STRONGMAN FOR YOU.

BUT IT SO HAPPENS THAT I DO HAVE AN EXPLANATION.



POE DAMERON IS BRINGING THE RESISTANCE A DROID HE MISTAKENLY BELIEVES HOLDS CRUCIAL FIRST ORDER INTELLIGENCE.

I, AND MY SIZABLE FLEET OF WARSHIPS, ARE CURRENTLY TRACKING HIM.

ONCE POE LEADS ME TO THE RESISTANCE BASE, I WILL USE MY FLEET TO DESTROY LEIA ORGANA, POE, ACKBAR, AND EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING THEY HAVE.

TEREX, YOU MUST NOT DO THIS.

THE SUPREME LEADER HAS FORBIDDEN OPEN HOSTILITY BY FIRST ORDER MILITARY AGAINST FORCES ALIGNED WITH THE NEW REPUBLIC! THE TIME IS NOT YET RIGHT!



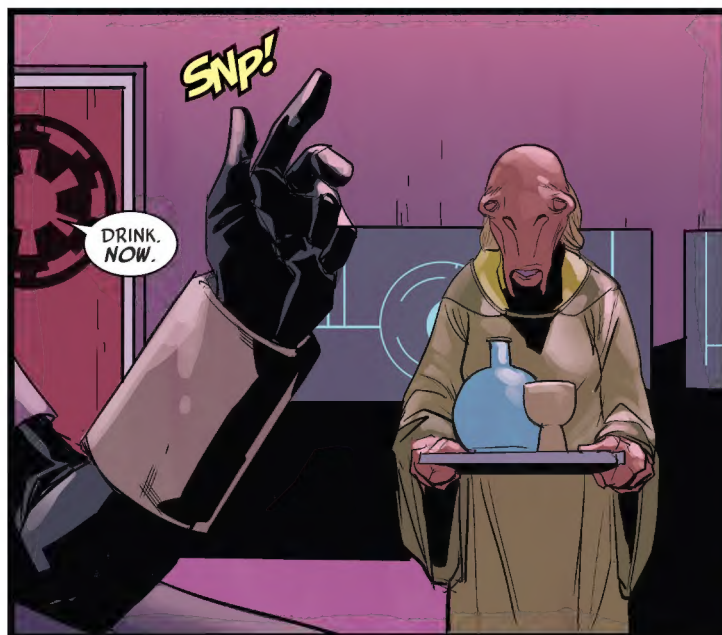
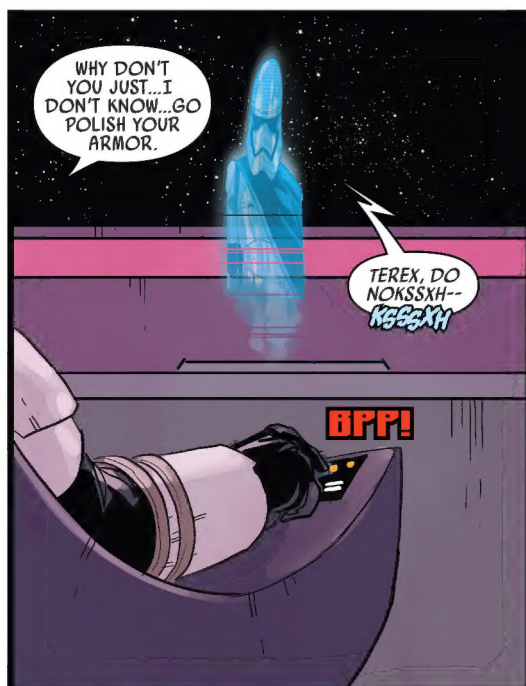
AH, BUT PHASMA, HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN? I AM NOT *ONLY* A FIRST ORDER OFFICER.

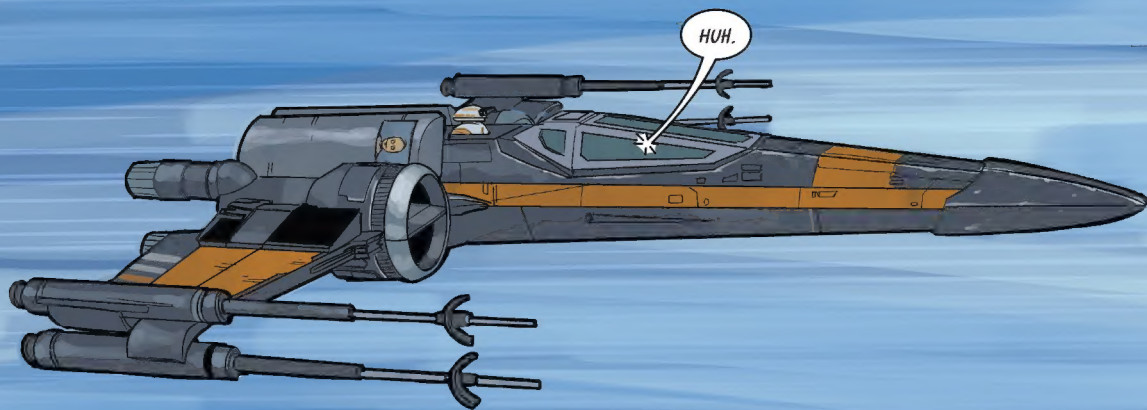
MY SHIPS ARE NOT FIRST ORDER, MY MEN ARE NOT FIRST ORDER. THEY ARE *MINE*.

WHICH MEANS, OF COURSE, THAT WHAT *YOU* CANNOT DO, WHAT HUX AND KYLO REN CANNOT DO, WHAT THE SUPREME LEADER CANNOT DO...



...I CAN.





HUH.



MAY
I BE OF
ASSISTANCE,
SIR?

NO, THREEPIO...
WELL, MAYBE. I'M
JUST TRYING TO FIGURE
ALL THIS OUT. MAYBE
YOU AND BEEBEE CAN
HELP ME TALK IT
THROUGH.

**BOOP-BE
BLEEET!**

THANKS,
PAL.



"TEREX HAS BEEN ONE STEP
AHEAD OF US EVER SINCE
WE STARTED LOOKING FOR
LOR SAN TEKKA.

"HE SOMEHOW GOT A
TRACKER ONTO MY
X-WING, AND FOLLOWED
US TO OVANIS."



FINE, OKAY--
LOTS OF PEOPLE
HAVE ACCESS TO THE
HANGAR. COULD HAVE
BEEN ANYONE IN THE
RESISTANCE,
REALLY.

**BLOOP
BLOOP.**

DON'T
WORRY, BUDDY.
I KNOW IT WASN'T
YOU.



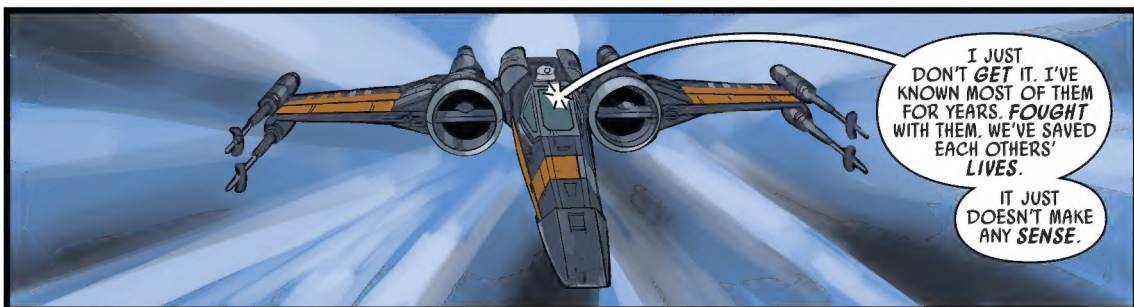
"THEN, HE WAS WAITING FOR US ON MEGALOX BETA-- BUT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNEW WE WERE GOING THERE WERE BLACK SQUADRON AND GENERAL ORGANA."



LET ME ASSURE YOU, SIR--I HAVE KNOWN LEIA ORGANA FOR HER ENTIRE LIFE. SHE IS NOT A TRAITOR.

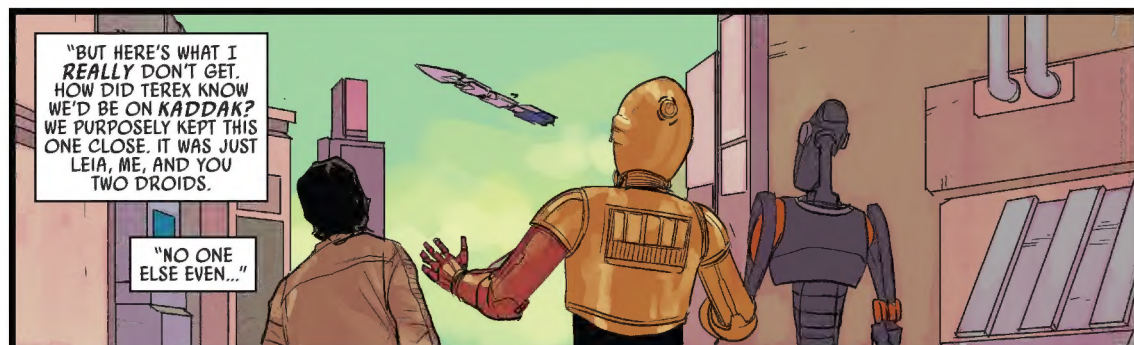
DIDN'T SAY SHE WAS, THREEPIO. IT'S NOT THE GENERAL. WHICH MEANS IT'S SOMEONE IN THE SQUADRON.

SNAP, KARÉ, OR JESS. OR ME, I GUESS. BUT IT AIN'T ME.



I JUST DON'T GET IT. I'VE KNOWN MOST OF THEM FOR YEARS. FOUGHT WITH THEM. WE'VE SAVED EACH OTHERS' LIVES.

IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.



"BUT HERE'S WHAT I REALLY DON'T GET. HOW DID TEREX KNOW WE'D BE ON KADDAK? WE PURPOSELY KEPT THIS ONE CLOSE. IT WAS JUST LEIA, ME, AND YOU TWO DROIDS.

"NO ONE ELSE EVEN..."

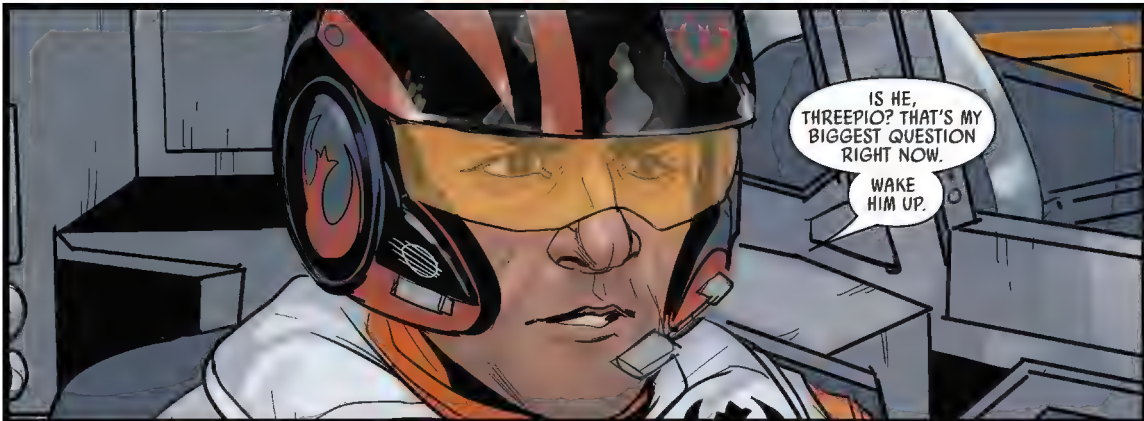
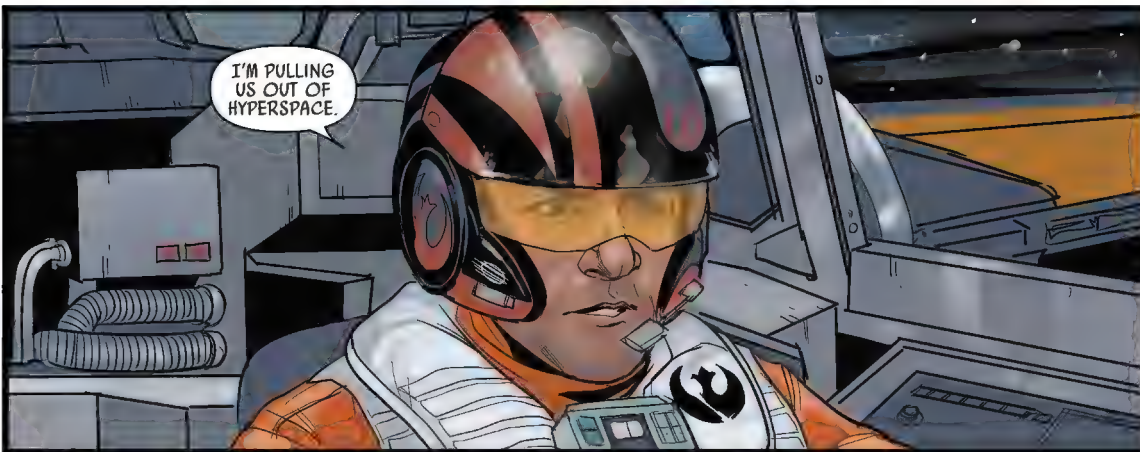


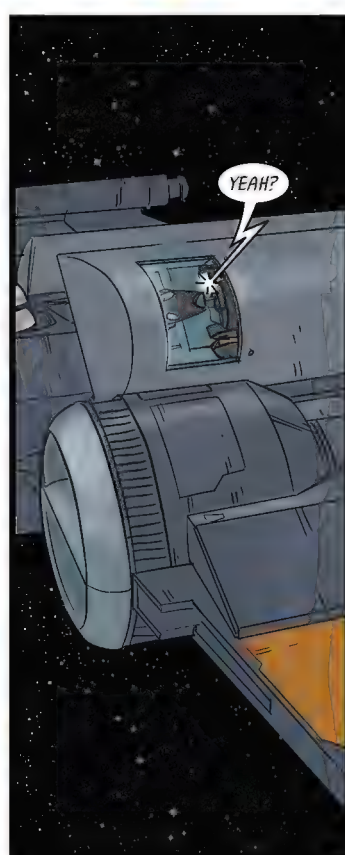
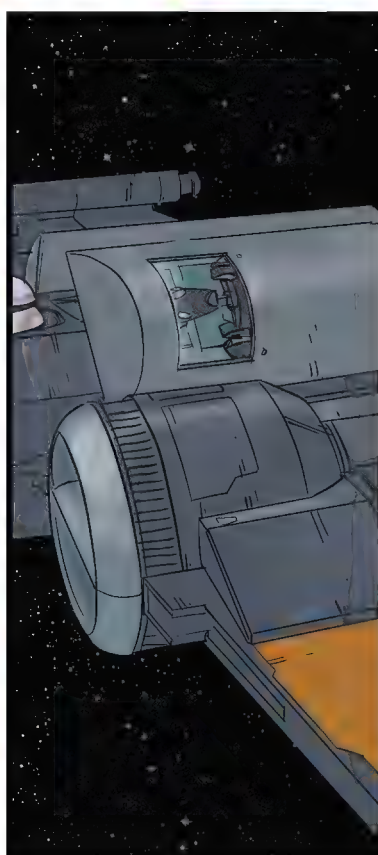
OH, MAN.









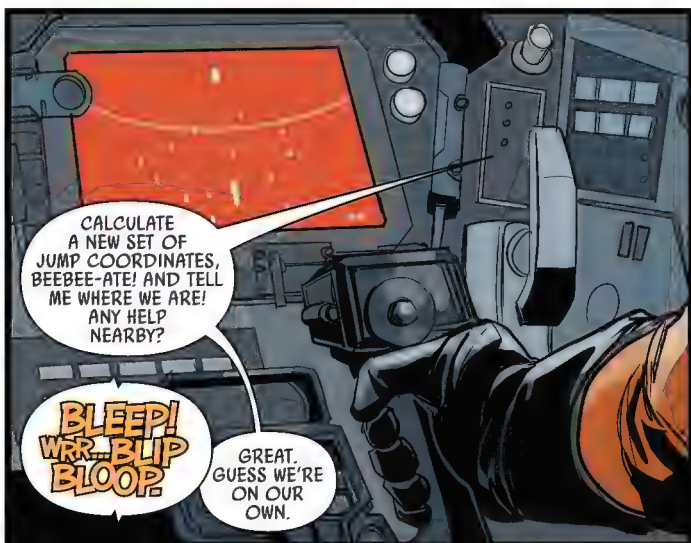




WHAT
MAKES YOU
SAY THAT?



BLAST!
I KNEW
IT.



CALCULATE
A NEW SET OF
JUMP COORDINATES,
BEEBEE-ATE! AND TELL
ME WHERE WE ARE!
ANY HELP
NEARBY?

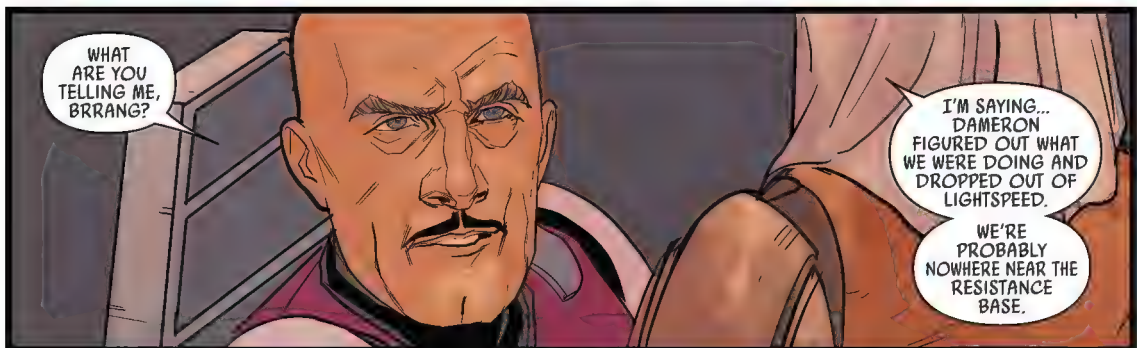
**BLEEP!
WRR...BLIP
BLOOP**

GREAT.
GUESS WE'RE
ON OUR
OWN.



WHERE ARE
WE? WE HAVE TO
BE CLOSE TO THE
RESISTANCE
BASE.

LORD TEREX,
WE'RE IN THE
MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE. THERE'S
A SYSTEM NOT TOO
FAR, BUT WE'RE NOT
GETTING ANY
READINGS FROM
A BASE.



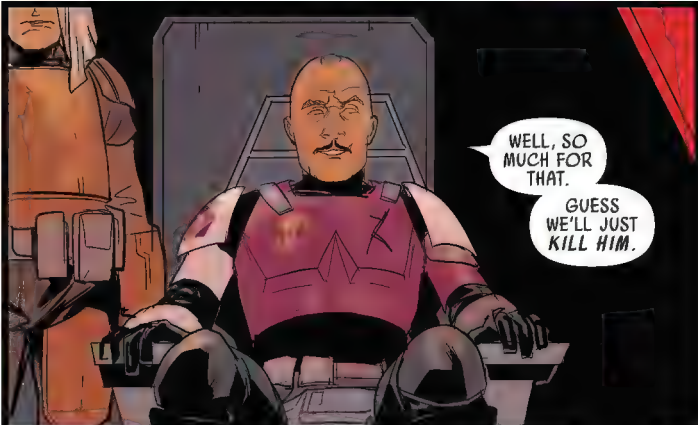
WHAT
ARE YOU
TELLING ME,
BRRANG?

I'M SAYING...
DAMERON
FIGURED OUT WHAT
WE WERE DOING AND
DROPPED OUT OF
LIGHTSPEED.

WE'RE
PROBABLY
NOWHERE NEAR THE
RESISTANCE
BASE.

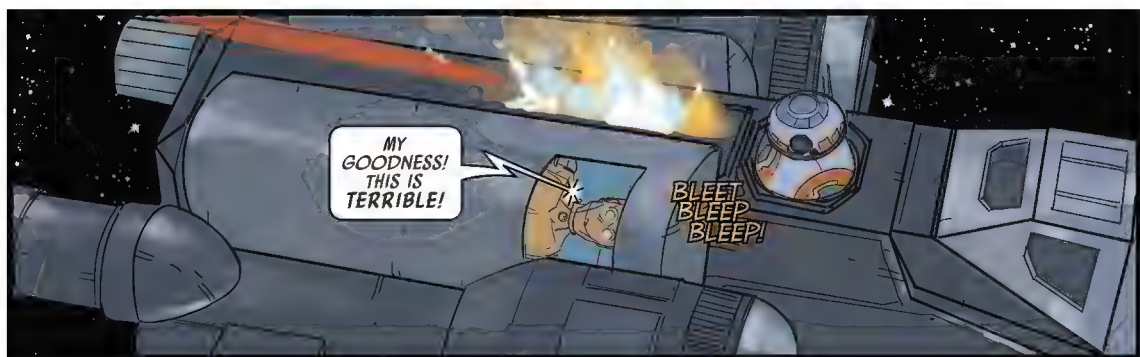


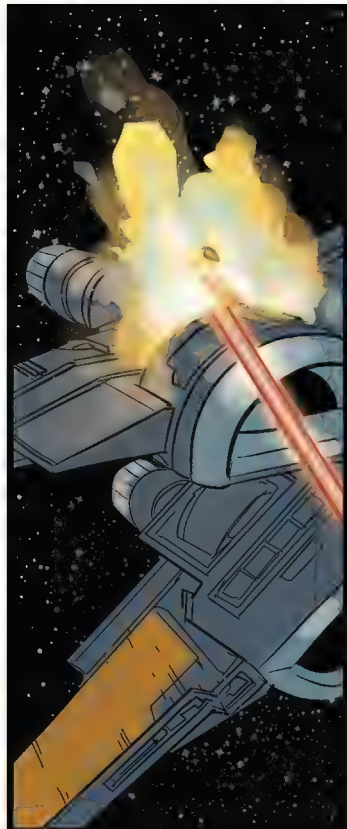
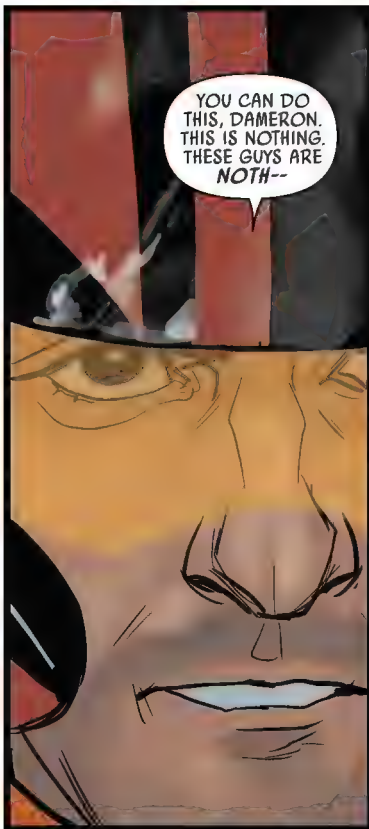
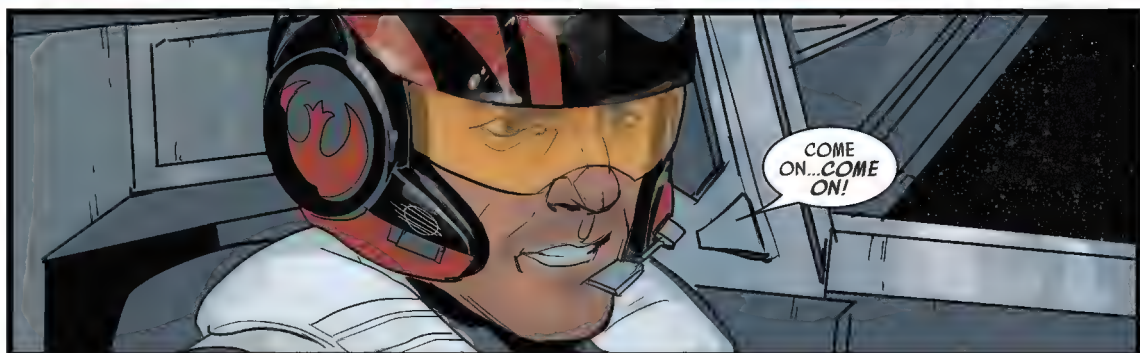
I SEE.



WELL, SO
MUCH FOR
THAT.

GUESS
WE'LL JUST
KILL HIM.



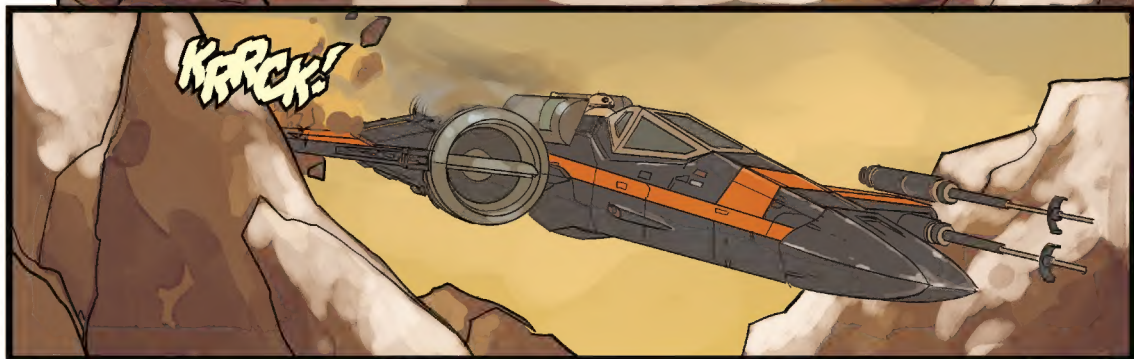






HOLD ON TO SOMETHING!

RESPECTFULLY, SIR...

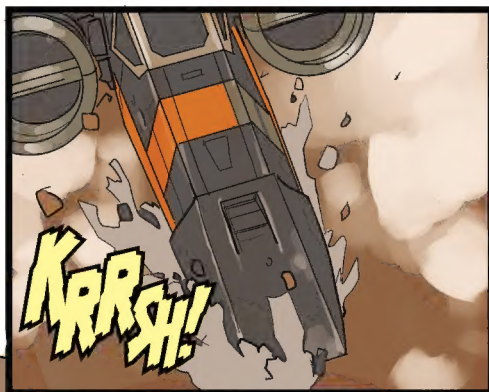


KRRCK!



...DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WILL HELP?

FIGURE OF SPEECH, THREE--



KRRSH!



POE DAMERON

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THE SEVEN SEAS

With

**BLACK MANTA
EMPIRE**



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